licences given to VSP. The rationale for giving these relaxations is being looked into.

No licence was nominated in the name of any third party by the Government. As per the Policy, after fulfilment of export obligation and completion of other formalities, a licence is made transferable and the party is free to transfer such a licence to any third part. Such transferees can also import any items available in the licence, duty-free as per the Policy.

ठेकेदारों द्वारा गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र में मजदूरों की भर्ती

1965. **श्री कामेश्वर पासवान:** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या विभिन्न कार्यालयों, फर्मों और औद्योगिक इकाइयों विशेष रूप से गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र में मजदूरों की भर्ती केवल ठेकेदारों द्वारा ही की जा रही है;

(ख) क्या अस्थायी संविदा मजदूरों को प्रबंधकों द्वारा स्थायी आधार पर चल रहे कामों के लिए भी नियुक्त किया जाता है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका औचित्य क्या है और सरकार का इस संबंध में क्या दृष्टिकोण है; और

(घ) क्या सरकार इस विचार से सहमत है कि संविदा मजदूरी प्रणाली से केवल मजदूरों का ही शोषण होता है और मालिक तथा प्रबंधक फायदें में रहते है?

श्रम मंत्री (श्री पी.ए. संगमा): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) से (घ) ठेका श्रम (विनियमन और उत्पादन) अधिनियम, 1970 कतिपय प्रतिष्ठानों में ठेका श्रम के नियोजन को विनियमित और कतिपय परिस्थितियों में इसके उत्पादन का प्रावधान करता है। केन्द्रीय ठेका श्रम सलाहकार बोर्ड के परामर्श से सरकार द्वारा जांच किए जाने पर अधिनियम की धारा 10 के अन्तर्गत ठेका श्रमिकों का नियोजन प्रतिसिद्ध किया जा रहा है।

Working of Consumer Grivances Redressal Cells

1966. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Consumer Grivenances Redressal Cells/Courts set up by Government have been doing excellent work in protecting consumer interests all over the country;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider allocation of more funds towards augmenting facilities/manpower for smooth functioning of Consumer Courts and to upgrade their existing judicial powers: and

(c) whether Government would also consider levying a consumer welfare cess from every manufacturer/purveyor of goods/services to build a corpus for Consumer Welfare Fund in order to provide free legal aid to consumers?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Government has agreed to release Rs. 61 crores, in four half yearly instalments to the States/UTs to strengthen the infrastructure of the Consumer Courts set up under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986. So far, it has sanctioned Rs. 5 crores to them as a part payment of the first instalment.

(c) No, Sir.

Allotment of Rice to Private Exporters

1967. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether private exporters are being allotted rice from the Food Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the basis on which the allotment is made to the private exporters;

(c) whether there has been a delay in giving the delivery of rice by F.C.I. to the rice exporters;

(d) if so, the reasons for the delay; and

(e) the steps taken to regulate the system?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government have authorised the FCI to sell fine & superfine rice to the exporters including S.T.C., M.M.T.C. & PEC on the following criteria:

(i) Placement of demand on FCI for purchase under Open Market Sale Scheme for export by depositing 1% of basic cost as EMD.

(ii) Shipment schedule for different ports indicated by the buyers.

(iii) Local availability of stocks of required